A Christian-Testimony

Born by the

PEOPLE of GOD

In Scorn called

QUAKERS

IN Friends, Society of.

LONDON,

In their Patient Suffering the Taking Away and Spoiling of their Goods for Non-Payment of TYTHES to the Parish PRIESTS.

Christ commanded his Apostles and Disciples, saying, Freely ye have received, freely give, Matth. 10. 8.

And the Apostle saith, *I have coveted no man's Silver, Gold or Apparel: Yea, you your selves know, that these Hands have ministred to my Necessities, and to them that were with me,* Acts 20. 33, 34.

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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

Friendly Reader;

THE following matter being an Account of the diſtraining and taking away of the Goods of ſome of us, the People called *Quakers* in the City of *London*, becauſe we refuſed to pay unto the Pariſh Prieſts Tythes or certain Sums of Money, in Law called *Tythes*; We, the ſaid People, ſhall in Chriſtian Tenderneſs and Plainneſs render ſome *Chriſtian Reaſons* why we cannot pay or give Tythes to the Pariſh Prieſts or Miniſters.

Firſt, We are not Unbelieving *Jews*, but Real *Chriſtians*, therefore we cannot give or pay them Tythes. God commanded Tythes to be paid under the Diſpenſation of the Law, which came by *Moſes*, and thoſe Tythes were ordained for the Relief of the Widows, Fatherleſs and Strangers, as well as for the Prieſts. This command for paying and receiving Tythes, as aforeſaid, continued in force amongſt the *Jews*, till our Lord Jeſus Chriſt came in the Fleſh, and had offered himſelf up through the Eternal Spirit; who by his One Offering put an End to the Prieſthood of *Aaron* and *Levi*, together with their Temple and Tythes, and all the reſt of the Shadowy Offerings and Services:

And as the Apoſtle ſaid, *God diſannulled this Commandment for the Weakneſs and Unprofitableneſs thereof; for the Law made nothing Perfect*, &c. *For ſuch an High-Prieſt becometh us, who is holy, Harmleſs, Separate from Sinners, &c.* ſee Heb. 7. 18, 19, 26. And again, *The Prieſthood being changed, there is made of neceſſity a change of the Law*, Verſ. 12. So Chriſt by his One Offering hath Ended this Diſpenſation of Tything above Sixteen Hundred Years ſince. But when this Command was in Force, it was only to the Natural *Jews*, and therefore no Concern of ours, who are by Nature *Gentiles*.

Secondly, Chriſt, who ended this *Jewiſh* Diſpenſation of Tything, did not ſet up Tythes again in the Goſpel Diſpenſation, either among *Jews* or *Gentiles*, for the Maintenance of his Miniſters, (nor for any other uſe) but contrarywiſe commanded his Miniſters, ſaying, *Freely ye have received, Freely give, &c. and whoſoever ſhall not hear you, nor receive your Words, when you depart out of that Houſe or City, ſhake off the Duſt of your Feet*, Mat. 10. 7, 14. Again, *But into what ſoever City ye enter, and they receive you, eat ſuch Things as are ſet before you, &c. But into whatſoever City you enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the Streets of the ſame, and ſay, Even the very Duſt of your City, which cleaveth to us, we do wipe off againſt you*, Luke 10. 8, 10, 11. Thus it plainly appears, that Chriſt's Command was and is, to preach or miniſter Freely as they then had, and ſuch now have, received Freely; and thoſe who are truly his Miniſters, do keep this his Command, and ſuch have Power in Chriſt to eat ſuch as is ſet before them, by thoſe who do receive them; but not to take Tythes or Sums of Money, for

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preaching, from those who do not receive, believe nor own their Testimony, nor Sue them at the Law, to take away or Spoil their Goods, because they refuse to pay them. This Practice of the aforesaid Priests is contrary to both Law and Gospel. For when the *Jews* broke the Law of God in not bringing Tythes into his Store-House, we do not read, nor believe, that God did impower Magistrates to give Warrants to the Priests, under the Law, to distrain or take away their Goods for the same, nor to take Double or Trebble the Value of the Tythes then Due; nor to Imprison and Oppress the Bodies of such Offenders; neither was it then said, that such Offenders did Rob the Priests, but that they Robbed God; neither were the Priests or Magistrates to punish them for this Robbery; but the Power of punishing of these, the great God reserved in himself, and he Blasted or Cursed the Fruits of the Earth, as a Punishment for their Rebellion, &c. see *Mal.* 3. *Deut.* 28. 38, 39, 40.

Objection, Some perhaps may object from the Apostles words, on the behalf of the aforesaid Priests of *London*, and say, *Who goeth a Warfare any time at his own Charge? Who planteth a Vineyard, and eateth not of the Fruit thereof? Who feedeth a Flock, and eateth not of the Milk of the Flock? If we sow unto you Spiritual Things, is it a great matter if we shall reap of your Carnal Things?*

Answer, What the Apostle saith in this Case we own; but this is not the Case betwixt us and the Priests aforesaid; for, *First*, Those Priests do not go to War for us, but against us; therefore we ought not to bear the Charge of this their Evil War.

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Secondly, They have not planted us a Vineyard or Church unto God; but we being planted of God, they have laboured, and do labour to ſcatter us by their Cruelties and Oppreſſion; therefore they ought not to have a Reward from us, for whom they do not work.

Thirdly, They do not feed us, who are the Flock of God, but on the contrary; their Works againſt us have been, and are, to ſeek to weaken, ſtarve and ſcatter us from the Fold of our great Shepherd *Chriſt Jeſus*: But Glory to God, through him, he keeps us, who is ſtronger then them all, by whom we are gathered, preſerved, fed and brought to Peace and Reſt in him.

Fourthly, Theſe Prieſts have not ſown, nor do ſow unto us Spiritual Things, but on the contrary; the Fruits of the Fleſh, which is Covetouſneſs, &c. they have ſown in a plentious manner, to our great Wrong and Injury; therefore we cannot own them as Miniſters of Chriſt, nor conſent to give our Subſtance to maintain them as ſuch, but we have true Love to them, and all men, and we could feed them as our Enemies, if we knew they had need thereof (though we cannot feed them as the Miniſters of Chriſt, we not believing them to be ſuch; and that which the more confirms us in our Belief, that they are not ſuch, is their being found in direct Oppoſition to the Command of Chriſt, who ſaith, *Freely ye have received, Freely give*; and contrary to the Doctrine and Example of the Miniſters of Chriſt, both in their Maintenance and Converſation.

Again, the Apoſtle *Peter* writ unto the Elders of the Church of Chriſt, ſaying, *The Elders which*

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are among you, I exhort, who am alſo an Elder, and a Witneſs of the Sufferings of Chriſt, and alſo a Partaker of the Glory that ſhall be revealed, Feed the Flock of God, which is among you, taking the Over-ſight thereof not by Conſtraint, but willingly; Not for filthy Lucre, but of a ready Mind; Neither as being Lords over God's Heritage, but being Enſamples to the Flock; ſee 1 Pet. 5. 1, 2, 3.

Firſt, Obſerve, the Apoſtle *Peter* and the reſt of the Elders of the Church of Chriſt were made SUCH by Chriſt himſelf, who endued them with Power from on High, for the great Work of the Miniſtry; and by the ſame means are all the Elders of the Church of Chriſt made at this Day.

Secondly, The true Miniſters and Elders of the Church of Chriſt do take the Over-ſight thereof not by Conſtraint, but Willingly: God makes them willing to preach Freely, according to Chriſt's Command; they do not take the over-ſight of the Flock for filthy Lucre, but of a ready Mind. *Note*, The word *Lucre* ſignifies *Gain*; and *filthy Lucre* is *Gain ill gotten*: Now that Gain that is gotten in breaking the Command of Chriſt is not well, but ill gotten; and ſuch is that Gain of the Perſons before-mentioned, which is gotten as aforeſaid.

Thirdly, The true Elders and Miniſters of Chriſt neither were, nor are, Lords over God's Heritage, but good Enſamples to the Flock; and becauſe the Perſons before-mentioned do not abide in the Doctrine of Chriſt, neither follow the Doctrine or Example of his holy Apoſtles and Elders in their Call, Miniſtry, Maintenance and Converſation, therefore we cannot eſteem them the true Miniſters and Elders

ſet up by Chriſt; and therefore we cannot give them of our outward Subſtance to uphold them as ſuch. The Apoſtle *Paul* ſaith, *There were many in his day, who taught that which they ought not for filthy Lucres ſake*; ſee Tit. 1. 11. And we have juſt cauſe to ſay, there are many ſuch in our day; but the Lord is diſcovering them daily more and more, and he will bring theſe their Evil Works to an End, in his appointed Seaſon, which haſtens on apace; and in the mean time we are chearfully given up to ſuffer whatever the Lord permits our Adverſaries to inflict upon us for the Exerciſe of our tender Conſciences to him.

This is given forth as a Teſtimony for Chriſt, on the Behalf of my Suffering Friends,

William Gibſon.

Here followeth a brief Collection of ſome Scriptures, which the Pariſh Prieſts of London *and others concerned are deſired to conſider and compare their Lives and Practices therewith, wherein they may ſee the Tenderneſs and Care of the holy Apoſtles, who did neither ſeek nor reap Carnal things of thoſe to whom they did not ſow Spiritual; as likewiſe they had a tender care that they might make the Goſpel of Chriſt without Charge, amongſt thoſe who had received the Spiritual things through them.*

PAUL ſaid, *What is my Reward then; verily that when I preach the Goſpel, I may make the Goſpel of Chriſt*

Chriſt without Charge, that I abuſe not my Power in the Goſpel, 1 Cor. 9. 18. Again, *Paul* ſaid unto the *Corinthians* who believed, *Did I make a Gain of you by any of them whom I ſent unto you? I deſired* Titus, *and with him I ſent a Brother: Did* Titus *make a Gain of you? walk we not in the ſame Spirit? walk we not in the ſame ſteps?* 2 Cor. 12. 17, 18. Again, *Paul* ſaid to *Timothy, The love of Money is the Root of all Evil, which while ſome have Coveted after, they have Erred from the Faith, and pierced themſelves through with many Sorrows: But thou O man of God flee theſe things, and follow after Righteouſneſs, Godlineſs, Faith, Love, Patience, Meekneſs,* &c. 1 *Tim.* 6. 10 11. Again, *Paul* ſaith, *Covetouſneſs is Idolatry*; ſee *Col.* 3. 5. *Luke* 12. 15. Chriſt ſaid unto them, *Take heed and beware of Covetouſneſs, for a mans Life conſiſteth not in the abundance of the things which he poſſeſſeth.*

And herein they may ſee how they are gone aſtray and erred from the command of Chriſt, who ſaid to his Miniſters, *Freely ye have received, freely give,* and from the Doctrine, Practice and Example of his holy Apoſtles and Prophets, who abode in his Doctrine, who kept his Commands: *The Spirit and the Bride ſay Come, and let him that heareth ſay Come, and let him that is Athirſt come, and whoſoever will let him take the Water of Life freely,* Rev. 22. 16, 17. The holy Prophet ſaid, *Ho every one that thirſteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no Money come ye, buy and eat, yea, come buy Wine and Milk without Money and without Price: Wherefore do you ſpend your Money for that which is not Bread, and your Labour for that which ſatisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your Soul delight it ſelf in Fatneſs, encline your Ear and come unto me; hear and your Souls*

ſhall live,&c. *Iſa.*55.1,2,3. Read the Chapter through which contains ſweet and comfortable Prophecies of the free,glorious,powerful &comfortable Goſpel-day, wherein the free Teachings of Chriſt in Spirit is plentifully known by all thoſe who come into the living Faith,which he is the Author and Finiſher of; inwhich Faith they live to God and pleaſe him, through which their Hearts are purified, and in which the Victory is known over the old Red Dragon, the Devil and Satan and his Works and Inſtruments; *Which Faith works by Love*, as the Apoſtle ſaith.

We deſire that the Pariſh Teachers may conform their Lives and Practices unto the Commands, Doctrine and Example of Chriſt and his holy Apoſtles, and if they do this, we know they will not ſeek Wages or Reward of us for whom they do no Work, they will not ſeek nor take away our Carnal things, who ſow no Spiritual things unto us, but on the contrary,they will Repent of the wrong they have already done us, and will ceaſe to do ſo any more, and to ſee this great Change and Reformation in them would be matter of great gladneſs to us for their ſake, for ſuch a change would render them acceptable to God through Jeſus Chriſt, which ſtate to poſſeſs and enjoy abundantly tranſcends and excells all the Honour and Glory, and Riches, and Pleaſure that there is in the whole Earth, and it is our hearty deſire that they may ſeek this Heavenly Riches, and to find and Inherit the ſame. The holy man ſaid, *Who amongſt us ſhall dwell with everlaſting Burnings? he that walketh in Righteouſneſs and ſpeaketh uprightly; he that deſpiſeth the Gain of Oppreſſion, that ſhaketh his Hands from holding of Bribes, that ſtoppeth his Ears from hearing of Blood, and ſhutteth his*

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Eyes from ſeeing Evil; he ſhall dwell on high, his place of defence ſhall be the Munition of Rocks, Bread ſhall be given him, his Water ſhall be ſure, Iſa. 33. 14, 15, 16.

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To thoſe who may Inquire, Why we cannot pay the Pariſh Teachers their (undue) demands?

I *Anſwer*, We can leave it to the Witneſs of God in all tender Conſciences, who have not ſinned out the Day of their Viſitation, and who are not become hard and paſt feeling: How unreaſonable a thing it is for any to be ſo far impoſed upon to maintain and uphold that which they do believe Gods Hand is againſt, and he will throw down. And whether they themſelves would be willing to maintain the *Popiſh* Prieſts, which they cry out againſt as Idolators? If they anſwer, *Yea, if the Law of the Nation required it*: Then whether we may not conclude them grand Hypocrites that can maintain that, if required by a Law, which without a Law they call Idolatry? If they ſay, *Nay*; then whether they do not break that Royal Law and Golden Rule, which the Lip of Truth it ſelf ſaith is both the Law and the Prophets? viz. *whatſoever ye would that men ſhould do to you, do ye even ſo to them*, Mat. 7. 12. And ſo inſtead of being Miniſters of the Goſpel, are found to be Tranſgreſſors both of Law and Goſpel, and in the ſteps of thoſe the Prophet cryed Wo againſt, *who bite with their Teeth, and cry Peace, and he that putteth not into their Mouths they prepare War againſt: Wherefore Night ſhall be upon you that*

you ſhall not have a Viſion, and it ſhall be dark unto you, that you ſhall not Divine, and the Sun ſhall go down over the Prophets, and the Day ſhall be dark over them; then ſhall the Seer be aſhamed, and the Diviners confounded, yea, they ſhall all cover their Lips, for there is no Anſwer of God: And this am I a Witneſs the Lord hath fulfilled, and is fulfilling upon you, O, you mercenary Prieſts of this City and Nation. If you, O ye Prieſts ſhall think theſe hard Sayings, conſider what the Actions are here cryed Wo againſt, and lay your Hands upon your Mouths, and ſay you have ſinned, and Repent. and do ſo no more, and that will be the way to find Mercy at the hand of the Lord, which that you may do is the deſire of him who deſires the Good of all men; and that they might come to the Knowledge of the Truth and be ſaved.

Job Boulton.

Thoſe that deſire to be further Informed, why we refuſe to give or pay Tythes, may (we ſuppoſe) be fully ſatisfied if they peruſe theſe Books following with Impartiallity, viz. *The great Caſe of Tythes*, by *Francis Howgill*. *Tythes Ended by Chriſt*, by *Thomas Rudyard* and *William Gibſon*. *The Foundation of Tythes ſhaken*, by *Thomas Elwood*. *A Teſtimony againſt Tything among Chriſtians, &c.* by *Richard Richardſon*.

An Account of Goods taken from the People of God in Scorn called *Quakers* in the New-buildings in the City of *LONDON*, for the Priests Tythes in the Years 1673, & 74. by Virtue of Warrants granted to them by *Geo. Waterman* and *Robert Hanson*, then Mayors of the City.

THE 11th of the 5th Moneth 1673. taken from *Richard Butcher*, of the Parish of *Ann Alders-Gate*, by Virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman*, Priest of the said Parish, Pewter, cost 2 l. 11 s. for 1 l. 10 s. demanded; taken by *Henry Wyat* Collector, and *Thomas Ward* Constable.

Taken from *John Tyso* of the same Parish, by Virtue of the same Warrant, for the same Priest and by the same Persons, Houshold Goods to the Value of 3 l. 2 s. for 1 l. 18 s. demanded for two years and a quarters Tythe, although *John Passmore*, Constable in the same Parish, being a Conscientious man, said, *He could not do such a thing*.

The 18th of the 5th Moneth, 1673. taken from *John Vaughton* of the same Parish, by Virtue of the same Warrant, likewise, for the same Priest, and by the same Persons, Pewter, to the Value of 1 l. 4 s. 8 d. for 14 s. demanded.

Taken from the three Persons above mentioned	} 6 l. 17 s. 8 d.
Demanded—4 l.—2 s.—0 d.	
Taken more then demanded—2 l.—15 s.—8 d.	

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The 23d of the 5th Moneth, 1673. taken from *John Light* of the Parish of *Alhallows* the great, by Virtue of a Warrant granted to *Thomas White*, Priest of the said Parish, twelve pieces of Callicoes, cost 2 l. 2 s. for 1 l. 5 s. 4 d demanded; taken by *George Backster*, the Priests man, and *Henry Barret* Constable.

The 23d of the 7th Moneth, 1673. taken from *William Chandler* of the Parish of *Margarets New-Fish-street*, by Virtue of a Warrant granted to *David Barton*, Priest of the said Parish, nine couple of *Cod-fish*, to the Value of 1 l. 1 s. for 11 s. 4 d. ob. demanded; taken by *Edward Colcot*, Clark of the said Parish, and *John Jesse* Constable.

Returned--1 s.—7 d. ob.

The 22d of the 8th Moneth, 1673. taken from *Thomas Paxton* of the aforesaid Parish, by Virtue of a Warrant granted to *David Barton*, the Priest aforesaid, twenty three couple of *Codfish*, to the Value of 2 l. 13 s. 6 d. for 1 l. 13 s. 3 d. demanded, by *Edward Colcot* Clark, and *John Jesse* Constable aforesaid.

Returned——7 s.——9 d.

Taken from the two persons before-mentioned, Goods to the value of } 3 l. —14 s.--6 d.

Demanded——2 l.--4s.—7 d. ob.

Returned-——-——9 s.—4 d. ob.

Demanded and Returned——2 l.—14 s.—0 d.

Taken more then demanded— 1 l.—0 s.—0 d.

The 24th of the 5th Moneth, 1674. taken from *Richard Butcher*, of the Parish of *Ann Alders-Gate*, by Virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman*, Priest of the said Parish, Pewter, to the Value of 1 l. 10 s. for 15 s. demanded; taken by *Henry Wyat* Collector, and a Constable.

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The 24th of the 5th Moneth, 1674. taken from *Thomas Cobb*, of the Pariſh aforeſaid, by Virtue of the ſame Warrant, granted to the Prieſt, and by the Collector aforeſaid, four Dozen of Flag-brooms, valued at 16 s. for 8 s. demanded.

Taken from the two Perſons above-mentioned Goods valued at	2 l. 6 s.	0 d.
Demanded	1 l. — 3 s. —	0 d.
Taken more than demanded	1 l. — 3 s. —	0 d.

The 19th of the 8th Moneth, 1674. taken from *William Chandler*, of the Pariſh of *Margaret New-Fiſh-ſtreet*, by Virtue of a Warrant granted to *David Barton*, Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, ſix couple of *Codfiſh*, to the value of 12 s. for 6 s. demanded by *Edward Collcot* Clark, and *Arthur Price* Conſtable.

The 8th Moneth, 74. Taken from *Richard Thornton* of the Pariſh of *Stephen Colemanſtreet*, by vertue of a Warrant granted to *Thomas Neaſt*, Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, Pewter, Braſs and Iron to the value of 1 l. 3 s. for 7 s. demanded; taken by *John Davis* Collector, and *Paul Thomlins* Conſtable.

An Account of Goods taken in the Year 1674, and 1675. by virtue of Warrants granted from *William Hooker* Mayor.

THe 21th of the 11th Moneth, 1674. Taken from *Thomas Rudyard* of *George Yard* in *Lumbarſtreet*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to Doctor *Bradford* (ſo called) Prieſt of the Pariſh, Pewter to the value of 3 l. for 30 s. demanded; taken by *Richard Ellere* the Prieſt's Coach-man, and a Conſtable, for a year's Tythes.

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Taken from *Job Boulton* of the Pariſh of *Edmonds Lumbar ſtreet*, Gold-ſmith, by virtue of a Warrant granted to the afore-ſaid Prieſt *Bradford*, a Cloak, which was redeemed by a Neighbour for 15 s. the Prieſt's Demands, taken by *Richard Ellere*, the Prieſt's Coachman, and a Conſtable, for half a years Tythes.

The 2d of the 2d Moneth, 1675. Taken from *William Crouch* of *Crown Court* in *Gratious-ſtreet*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *John Cliff* Prieſt of the Pariſh of *Lennets Grace-Church*, ſo called, two pieces of Searge, white, valued at 3 l. 10 s. for 1 l. 19 s. demanded; taken by *John Young*, Church-warden, ſo called, for three quarters of a years Tythes.

The 27th of the 2d Moneth, 1675. Taken from *Thomas Baker* of the Pariſh of *Leonard Eaſtchip*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Elkinton Downes*, Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, ſixteen Stone and two Pound of Beef, valued at 1 l. 17 s. 10 d. for 14 s. 4 d. demanded; taken by the Prieſt himſelf, and aſſiſted by *Edward Newens* Conſtable,

Returned 11 s. 3 d.

The 16th of the 4th Moneth, 1675. Taken from *Richard Butcher* of the Pariſh of *Ann Aldrſgate*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman*, Prieſt of the Pariſh, Pewter to the value of 1 l. 7 s. for 15 s. demanded; taken by *Henry Wyat* Collector, and a Conſtable.

Taken from *Thomas Cobb* of the Pariſh aforeſaid, by virtue of a Warrant granted to the afore mentioned Prieſt, fifty four Pound and a half of old Cheeſe at 4 d. per pound, 18 s. 2 d. for 8 s. demanded; taken by *Henry Wyat* Collector, and *John Neaves* Conſtable in *Cary-Lane*.

The 16th of the 4th Moneth, 1675. Taken from *Thomas Robinſon* of *Fenchurch-ſtreet*, and of *Dionis Backchurch* Pariſh, (ſo called) by virtue of a Warrant granted to *George May* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, ſeveral Looking-glaſſes, to the value of 4 l. 10 s. for 1 l. 16 s. demanded; taken by

by *Samuel Hanky* Conſtable, and a Stranger of *Cripplegate* Pariſh.

Taken 4 l. 10 s. —

Demanded 1 l. 16 s. —
Returned — 04 s. —

Taken more than demanded 2 l. 10 s. —

The 21th of the 7th Moneth, 1675. Taken from *William Wygan* of the ſame Pariſh, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman*, Prieſt aforeſaid, three Saddles, valued at 1 l. 12 s. for 13 s. 6 d. demanded; taken by *Richard Browne* and for

Returned one Saddle, valued at 8 s.

The 10th of the 8th Moneth, 1675. Taken from *Mary Foſter* Widow, Inmate in the Houſe of *Gerrard Roberts*, and his (accompted) Dues, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *John Aucher*, Prieſt of the Pariſh of *Alhallows Lumbardſtreet*, Goods to the value of 5 l. 5 s. 7 d. for 40 s. demanded; taken by and a Conſtable, for three Years Tythes.

Returned 6 s. 4 d.

An Account of Goods taken in the Year 1675, and 1676. by virtue of Warrants granted from *Robert Vyner* Mayor.

THe 27th of the 9th Moneth, 1675. Taken from *John Hodgkins* of the Pariſh of *George Botolphlane* (ſo called) by virtue of a Warrant granted to *William Sherlock* Prieſt of the Pariſh, two Braſs Kettles, one Warming-pan, and one Skillit, to the value of about 1 l. 9 s. for 9 s. 4 d. demanded; Taken by *John Crane* Clerk and a Conſtable, for one year's Tythes.

Taken 1 l. 9 s. —
Demanded — 9 s. 4 d.

Taken more than Demanded — 19 s. 8 d.

Taken from *Thomas Rudyard* of *George-Yard* in *Lumbardſtreet*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to Doctor *Bradford* (ſo called) Prieſt of the Pariſh of *Edmund Lumbardſtreet*, Pewter to the value of 2 l. for 15 s. demanded; taken by *Richard Ellere* Coachman to the ſaid Prieſt, and a Conſtable, who refuſed to appraiſe them before carried away, although demanded.

Taken from *Job Boulton* of the Pariſh of *Edmund Lumbardſtreet* Goldſmith, by virtue of a Warrant granted to the Prieſt abovementioned, one Tankard valued at 3 l. 18 s. for 1 l. 10 s. demanded; taken by *Richard Ellere* the Prieſt's Coachman, and a Conſtable, for a year's Tythes.

Returned (to the beſt of my Remembrance) 1 l. 18 s. 6 d.

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About the 1ſt Moneth, 1676. Taken from *Samuel Boulton*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *John Williams* Prieſt of the Pariſh of *Mary Colechurch* and *Mildred Backchurch* (ſo called) a Show-Glaſs with Goods in it to the value of 150l. or thereabouts, which was carried to the Prieſt's Houſe, but on Complaint was ſent for to the Major's, the Glaſs broken open, the ſaid *Sam. Boulton* not being preſent, and Goods taken out for the Demand 3l. 9s. the value not known to the ſaid *Samuel Boulton*, and the Glaſs ſent back open by the Major's Officers; the Perſons that took the Goods not remembred.

The 9th of the 3d Moneth, 1676. Taken from *Thomas Baker*, a Butcher in *Eaſtcheap*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Elkenton Downes* Prieſt of the Pariſh, Ten Stone and One Pound of Beef, valued at 20s. 3d. for 14s. 4d. demanded, by *William King* Collector and *Robert Evans* Conſtable, for one year's Tythes.

The 24th of the 3d Moneth, 1676. Taken from *Simon Marſhal* of the Pariſh of *Ann Blackfriers*, Shoemaker, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *John Stoneing* Prieſt, four pair of men's Shoes valued at 16s. for 3s. 10d. demanded; taken by *John Haile* Clerk of *Ludgate*, and *William Walker* Conſtable.

Taken from *Thomas Hooton* of the Pariſh of *Ann Blackfriers*, Chandler, three Cheſhire Cheeſes valued at 13s. for 5s. demanded, by virtue of a Warrant granted to the Prieſt aboveſaid, and taken by the Perſons above-ſaid.

Returned 10d.

Taken from *Mark Masterham* of *Blackfriers* Nineteen Pound Three Quarters of Pewter, valued at 14s. 9d. for 4s. 2d. demanded.

Taken from *William Tileby* of *Blackfriers* Braſs and Pewter to the value of 1l. 5s. 6d. for 3s. 4d. demanded.

Returned 4s. 5d.

Taken from *John Vaughton* of *Blackfriers*, Thirty Pound

 weight

weight of Pewter, valued at 1 l. 2 s. 6 d. for 5 s. 8 d. demanded.

Returned 5 s. 2 d. ob.

Taken from *Henry Dogget* one Piece of Callico of 3 s. and one Piece of Fuſtian at 15 s. for 5 s. demanded.

Returned 3 s. 10 d.

Taken from *William Walker* a Coat and Breeches, valued at 1 l. 12 s. for 4 s. 2 d. Demanded.

All by virtue of a Warrant granted to the aforeſaid Prieſt *Stoneing*, and taken by the aforeſaid *John Hail* Clerk, and *William Walker* Conſtable.

Taken from the ſeven Perſons before-mentioned on the Account of Prieſt *Stoneing*, Goods valued at } 7 l. 11 s. 9 d.

Demanded 1 l. 11 s. 2 d.
Returned — 14 s. 3 d. ob.

2 l. 5 s. 5 d. ob.

Taken more than the real Demand 5 l. 6 s. 3 d. ob.

The 27th of the 5th Moneth, 1676. Taken from *Thomas Witchel* of the Pariſh of *Steven Colemanſtreet*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Thomas Neaſt* Vicar (ſo called) of the ſaid Pariſh, Nine Pound of Thredd, valued at 1 l. 13 s. for 11 s. 1 d. demanded; taken by *John Lance* Collector, and *William Walker* Conſtable.

Returned 1 d.

Taken from *Job Boulton* of the Pariſh of *Edmund Lumbard-ſtreet*, Goldſmith, by virtue of a Warrant granted to Doctor *Bradford* (ſo called) Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, a Silver Salver, weighing Twenty Ounces and One d. w. valued at 5 l.

3 l. 5 s. 3 d. for 1 l. 17 s. 6 d. demanded; taken by *Richard Elere* his Coachman and a Conſtable, for a year and a quarters Tythes.

Returned 2 l. 17 s. 8 d.

Taken from *Robert Powel* of the Pariſh of *Leonard Foſterlane*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Edw. Sherun* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, Forty Seven Pound and a half of Cheeſe, valued at 13 s. 10 d. for 10 s. demanded; taken by *Henry Wiet* Collector, and *Richard Brown* Conſtable.

The 12th of the 7th Moneth, 76. Taken from *Richard Butcher* of *Martins le Grand*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman* Prieſt of *Ann* and *Agnes* Pariſh, four pair of Boddice, valued at 1 l. 4 s. for 15 s. demanded; taken by *Henry Wyat* Collector.

Taken from *Thomas Cobb* of the ſame Pariſh, by virtue of the ſame Warrant, fifty ſeven pound of Cheeſe, valued at 15 s. 4 d. for 8 s. demanded.

The 20th of the 8th Moneth, 76. Taken from *John Oſgood* of *Alhallows Lumbardſtreet*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Aucher* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, eight White Moores, valued at 6 l. 8 s. for 4 l. 6 s. 8 d. demanded; taken by *Hugh Price* Collector.

Ditto Diem, Taken from *Joſeph Scott* eight pieces of large Bra. Chints, valued at 2 l. 8 s. and a Cabbine Quilt at 14 s. alſo eight yards and a half of Tickin at 13 s. 7 d. taken in all 3 l. 15 s. 7 d. for the demands of 2 l. 12 s. 6 d.

Taken from the two above-mentioned Perſons } 10 l. 3 s. 7 d.

For the Demands of 6 l. 19 s. 2 d.

Taken more than Demanded 3 l. 4 s. 5 d.

An Account of Goods taken in the Year 1676, and 1677. by virtue of Warrants granted from *Joseph Shelden* Mayor.

THe 28th of the 9th Moneth, 1676. Taken from *Simon Marshall* of the Parish of *Ann Blackfriers*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *John Stoneing* Priest of *Blackfriers*, four pair of Shoes, valued at 16 s. for 3 s. 10 d. demanded; taken by *John Haile* Clerk of the said Parish, and *William Walker* Constable. Returned but 7 d.

Taken from *John Vaughton* of the Parish afore-said, by virtue of the same Warrant, six Cheeses, weighing sixty four pound, valued at 16 s. for 5 s. 8 d. demanded.
Returned but 11 d.

And from *William Walker* a Petticoat, valued at 6 s. for 4 s. 2 d. demanded.

And from *Richard Aldsworth* thirty seven pound of old Cheshire Cheese; and the next day (contrary to Law) made a second Distress, and took ten pound more of Cheshire Cheese, in all forty seven pound, valued at 13 s. 8 d. and that for 5 s. demanded.

These four Persons above-mentioned were all seized by virtue of one Warrant granted to Priest *Stoneing* aforesaid, and had Goods taken from them valued at 2 l. 11 s. 8 d.
Demanded but — 18 s. 8 d.
Returned — 1 s. 6 d.
Taken and detained more than the Value Demanded } 11. 11 s. 6 d.

The

The 24th of the 12th Moneth 76. Taken from *Thomas Robinſon* of *Fanchurch-ſtreet*, by Virtue of the *Major's* Warrant, granted to *George May* the Prieſt (without ſummoning the aforeſaid *Tho. Robinſon*) for 13 s. 6 d. demanded, by *John Smith* the Pariſh Clerk, and *Tho. Rouch* Conſtable, two Looking-Glaſſes valued at 3 l. Returned one valued at 30 s. and kept the other.

Taken more then demanded 16 s. 6 d.

The Prieſts Bill of the Goods taken from William Gibſon.

Dues to me from Mr. Gibſon *at* Chriſtmas *laſt*, 1677. *for an Houſe which he lives in, in St.* Edmonds *Pariſh*, London.

For a Year	01. 12 s. 0d.
For a Summons before the Mayor	00. 1 s. 00.
For a Warrant	00. 2 s. 00.
For Straining and Appraiſing	00 3 s. 6 d.
Sum total	18 s. 6 d.

Strained from him three ends of Fuſtians, whereof two were ſold for 18 s. *Returned him one end again in Specie. So that I want of my Dues* 6 d.

Note, That the two ends he ſold coſt 1 l. 4 s. the firſt Penny.

The 2d of the 1ſt Moneth 77. Taken from *Thomas Harding*, Box-maker, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Francis Thompſon* Rector of the Pariſh of *Matthew Fryday-ſtreet*, the Body of a Silver Tankard wt. 19 *oz.* 19 *d.w.* ſold for 5 l. 1 s. 5 d. demanded 2 l. 2 s. 6 d. returned 2 l. 1 s. Taken by *John Haile* Collector, and *John Stagg* hired Conſtable.

Taken more than Demanded 17 s. 11 d.

Note, This Tankard was not the Man's own, but taken in to be Burniſhed; of which the Prieſt was Informed, and thereupon promiſed to Return it, but did not.

About

About the 2d Moneth 77. Taken from *Thomas Rudyard* of *George-yard*, in *Edmonds Lumbard-ſtreet* Pariſh, by *Richard Ellere*, (Coachman and Tythe-gatherer to Dr. *Bradford*, ſo called, Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh) by virtue of a Warrant from *J. Shelden* Knight, then Mayor of *London*; One Alarum Pocket-Watch valued at 6 l. and one large Alarum Clock-Watch and Caſe of the value of 50 s. (and refuſing to Appraiſe the ſame till carryed away) for the Demands of 3 l. 7 s. 6 d. for two Years and a quarters Tythes,

Goods taken, is	8 l.	10. s.	—
Demanded for Tythes	3 l.	7 s.	6 d.
Returned —		18 s.	6 d.
Taken more then Demanded & Returned	4 l.	4 s.	—

The 5th of the 5th Moneth 77. Taken from *John Boulton* of *Ann* and *Agnes Alders-gate*;

Eight *Turky-Chairs*,
One *Turky-Carpet*,
One *pair of Sheets*,
One *Looking-glaſs*,
One *Silver Spoon*,
One *Copper-Kettle*,
Two *Braſs Skillets*,
One *Braſs Paile*,
Five *Braſs Candleſticks*,
One *Braſs Fire-ſhovel* and *Tongs*,
Three *Fire-Shovels*,
Two *Forks*,
One *pair of Tongs*,
One *Braſs Skimmer*,
One *Pewter Stool-pan*,
One *Pewter-Chamber-pot*,
One *Baſon and three Diſhes*,
Four *Plates* and one *Pye-plate*,
One *Sawcer*,
One *Flaggon*,
One *Elbow-Chair*,
Three *Imbroidered Stools*,
One *pair of Dogs with Braſs-Heads*,
One *pair of Back-Andirons*,
Two *Spits*,
One *Frying-pan*.

All which were valued at 10 l. And Diſtrained for 7 l. odd Money, by *William Deval* Conſtable, *Henry Wyat* the Prieſts Collector, and *Cowley* the Beadle of the Liberty of *Martins le Grand*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh.

Taken

About the 20th of the 5th Moneth 77. Taken from *Chriſtopher Cheeſman* of *Ludgate*-Pariſh, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Charles Smith* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, one Braſs Kettle weighed 15 l. three Pewter Diſhes, two Pewter Plates, one Pewter Tankard, all valued at 1 l. 16 s.

Demanded but 7 s.
Returned but 5 s.
Taken more than Demanded 1 l. 4 s.

By *William Peſt*, the Prieſt's man, *William Draper* Conſtable, and *Thomas Maico* Porter.

The 17th of the 6th Moneth 77. Taken from *Phillip Foord* of *Maryle Bow*, by *Samuel Browning* Collector, and *John Hollis* Conſtable, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *George Smallwood* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, one piece of double Prunella, valued at 4 l. 10 s.
One piece of *Baragon* valued at 2 l. 10 s.
7 l. 00. 00.

Which two pieces of Stuff were ſold to *Simon Deacon* Mercer, at } 4 l. 10 s.

The Prieſt's Demands were 2 l. 4 s. 2 d.

Their Bill is as followeth.

Paid Mr. Monk for a Warrant — 6 s. —
Summoning before the Mayor — 1 s. —
Treating the Conſtable — 2 s. 4 d.
Porteridge — 00 6 d.
My Seizure and Pains — 3 s. 6 d.
Returned 1 l. 12 s. 6 d.
4 l. 10 s. 00.

About the 9th of the 6th Moneth 77. *Thomas White* Prieſt of the Pariſh call'd St. *Mary Hill*, having obtained a Warrant to Diſtrain on the Goods of *Iſaac Hemings*, for 28 s. that he called his Due; *Robert Evans* Butcher in *Eaſt-cheap* Conſtable, and *Joſeph Taylor* Ale-Houſe-keeper, and the

Prieſt's Collector, came to the Houſe of *Iſaac Hewings* aforeſaid, who finding his Hatch ſhut, made Report thereof to the Prieſt aforeſaid, who ordered them to go to *Richard Halls* a Shoemaker (his next Neighbour and Tenant) to make Diſtreſs on his Goods, promiſing them (as they reported) *If it coſt a Hundred Pound he would bear them out in it*; whereupon they came to the ſaid *Richard Halls* Shop, and diſtrained Shoes valued at 2 l. 16 s. and ſent him an Account, and praiſed his Goods at but 25 s.

The 9th of the 6th Moneth 77. Taken from *Francis Moor* (he and his Wife being from home) in *Love Lane* in *Billings gate* Ward, by *Joſeph Taylor* of *Buttolphs-lane* an Alehouſe-keeper, and the Prieſts Collector, by virtue of a Warrant (as they ſaid) obtained from the Mayor of the City, by *Thomas White* Prieſt of *Mary Hill* Pariſh aforeſaid; the above-ſaid *Joſeph Taylor*, with a Porter and two others, Diſtrained twenty nine Dozen of courſe Stockings, which coſt 9 l. 5 s. 4 d.

Demanded 3 l. 10 s.

Which Goods were praiſed by *Charles Price* and *John Harwood* at 5 l. 2 s. But no Returns made; though 1 l. 12 s. according as they praiſed them remained.

The 7th of the 7th Moneth 77. Taken from *Mary Foſter*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *John Aucher* Prieſt of the Pariſh of *Alhallows Lumbard-ſtreet* againſt *Gerrard Roberts* for Tythes, (ſhe dwelling in part of the Houſe) Forty three yards of Silk Say, which coſt 3 l. 14. s —

Demanded — 13 s. 4 d.

Returned 1 l. 9 s. —

2 l. 2 s. 4 d.

Which Goods came to more then was Demanded and Returned } 1 l. 11 s. 8 d.

Ditto Diem. Taken from *Thomas Cobb*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman* Prieſt of the Pariſh of *Ann* and *Agnes Alderſgate*, by *Henry Wyat* Collector, *William Dewall* Conſtable,

Conſtable, ſix Cheeſes, weight ſeventy eight Pound, at 5 d. 1 q. per pound comes to 11 l. 2 s. 9 d. 1 ob.

Demanded — 8 s. —

Returned thirteen pound one half of Cheeſe which at ditto price is } 3 s. 11 d. 1 q.

— 11 s. 11 d. 1 q.

Taken more then demanded — 10 s. 9 d. 3 q.

The 12th of the 7th Moneth 77. Taken from *William Tiloby* of *Black-fryars* by virtue of a Warrant granted to *John Stoneing* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, ſeveral things vallued at 10 s. for 5 s. demanded, by *Francis Craford* and *John Stringer* Conſtable.

The 12th of the 7th Moneth 77. Taken from *Richard Hawkes* of the Pariſh of *Anne Black fryars*, ſeven Yards of Serge, at 2 s. 2 d. per Yard, comes to 15 s. 2 d. by *George Stringer* Conſtable, and *Francis Craford* Deſtrainer for *John Stoneing* Prieſt, for 6 s. 3 d. demanded.

Returned when they brought in a Bill of Charges 2 s. 9 d.

Returned and taken 9 s. —

Remains 6 s. 2 d.

The 12th of the 7th Moneth 77. Taken from *Henry Doggit* of the Pariſh aforeſaid, thirteen Yards of Callico which coſt 10 s. 10 d.

And one piece of White Callico ſeventeen Yards long, which coſt — 13 s. —

1 l. 3 s. 10 d.

By *George Stringer* Conſtable, and *John Craford* Deſtrainer, for *John Stoneing* Prieſt for 8 s. 8 d. demanded.

Taken and Detained more then the vallue Demanded } — 15 s. 10 d.

No Returns.

The 12th of the 7th Moneth. Taken from *Simon Marſhall* of

of the Parish aforesaid, three pair of mens Shoes, valued at 12 s. by *George Stringer* and *John Craford* aforesaid, for *John Stoneing* Priest of the Parish aforesaid, for 3 s. 10 d. demanded.

The 13th of the 7th Moneth. Taken from *Richard Butcher* of the Parish of *Ann* and *Agnes Aldersgate* forty pound weight of Pewter valued at 30 s. by *Henry Wyat* Collector, and *William Devall* Constable, for *Samuel Freeman* Priest of the Parish aforesaid.

Demanded 14 s. 10 d.

The 16th of the 7th Moneth 77. Taken from *John Osgood* of the Parish of *Alhallows Lumbardstreet*, by *Hugh Price* and one *Jesse* a Constable, Goods for one Years Tythes, due by their Account at *Midsummer* last, for *John Aucher* Priest of the aforesaid Parish.

The 21th of the 7th Moneth 77. Taken from *Elizabeth Scot* Widow, of the Parish aforesaid, Goods to the value of 35 s. by *Hugh Price*, for the aforesaid *John Aucher* Priest for 10 s. demanded.

Returned 3 s.

Taken more then Demanded and Returned 22 s.

The 24th of the 7th Moneth. Taken from *John Vaughton* of the Parish of *Ann Black-fryars*, twenty four Deal Boards worth 24 s. by *Francis Croft*, and *George Stringer* Constable, for *John Stoneing* Priest, for 8 s. 6 d. demanded.

Returned afterwards one Deal Board and one Penney.

Taken more then Demanded and Returned about 15 s. 11 d.

The 27th of the 8th Moneth 77. Taken from *Walter Hoare* Tallow-Chandler, for Tythes by *Andrew Crisse* Priest of the Parish of *Mary Woolnorth* in *Lumbard-Street*, for 2 l. 16 s. demanded

manded, Forty Seven Pound of Pewter, moſt ſmall Plates, and Six Dozen of Candles, the whole then worth 3 l. 14 s.

Valued at 2 l. 12 s. 10 d.

Samuel Jermam Collector, *Theo. Dorinton* Conſtable.

The 12th Moneth 1676. Taken from *Samuel Boulton* of *Cheapſide*, Goldſmith, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Joh. Williams* Prieſt of the Pariſhes of *Mary Coalechurch* & *Mildred Backſhurch*, ſo call'd, for ten or eleaven moneths Tythes, at 2 l. 6 s. the year, near about 3 l. 5 s.

An Account of Goods taken in the Year 1677, and 1678. by virtue of Warrants granted from *Francis Chapline* Mayor.

THe 16th or 17th of the 10th Mon. 77. taken from *Joh. Day*, Carpenter, in *Diſtaff-lane* in the Pariſh of *Nicholas Coleabby*, by *John Hill* Serjant, with the Conſtable, for —— *Meriton*, Prieſt of the Pariſh aforeſaid, for 1 l. demanded for Tythes, as followeth.

	l.	s.	d.
Five *Large Pewter Diſhes*, valued at	1.	4.	0.
One *Pye-Plate of Pewter* at	0.	1.	6.
Six *New Pewter-Plates* that coſt	0.	6.	0.
One *New Three-pint Pewter-Pot* that coſt	0.	2.	6.
One *Pewter Salt* at	0.	1.	2.
Five *Pewter-Pottingers* at	0.	4.	0.
One *Braſs-Collender new*, that coſt	0.	2.	9.
In all	2 l.	1 s.	11 d.
Demanded	1 l.	——	——
Taken more then demanded	1 l.	1 s.	11 d.

The

The 26th of the 12th Mon. 77. Taken from *Thomas Rudyard* by *Richard Ellere*, Coachman & Tythe-gatherer to Dr. *Bradford*, ſo called, in abſence of the ſaid *Tho. Rudyard*, by colour of Warrant from *Thomas Davis* Mayor, *&c.* to Dr. *Bradford* Prieſt of *Edmunds Lumbard-ſtreet*, for or on pretence of one years Tythes, one Hair Chamblet Cloak lin'd with Shaloone, and one new Cloth Coat lined with friezed Bayes.

Their Account is as followeth.

Tythes	1 *l.* 10 *s.* ——
Summons	— 01 *s.* ——
Warrant	— 02 *s.* ——
Straining and Appraiſing	— 03 *s.* 6 *d.*
	1 *l.* 16 *s.* 06 *d.*
Cloak and Coat ſold	1 *l.* 17 *s.* 06 *d.*
Returned	— -- 06 *d.*

Which is 6 d. ſhort of their own Accompt.

The 5th of the 1ſt Moneth, 1678. Taken from *Job Boulton* of *Edmonds Lumbard-ſtreet*, by Virtue of a Warrant granted to Dr. *Bradford* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, one Silver Cup, weight 8 *oz.* 12 dwt. Sold at 2 l. 4 s. 4 d. Returned 7 s. 1 d. Taken by *Richard Ellere* the Prieſt's Coach-man.

The 23d of the 2d Moneth 78. Taken from *William Crouch*, by virtue of a Warrant granted from *Francis Chapline* Mayor to *Henry Halſteed* Prieſt of *Benet Grace-Church*, by *William Stonyard* of *Threadneedle-ſtreet* Coffee-Houſe-keeper, and the Clerk of the Pariſh of *Bennet Fynck Threedneedle-ſtreet*, and hired Conſtable, and *John Jeſſe* who keeps an Ale-houſe in *Ball-Ally* in *Lumbard-ſtreet*, Seven pieces of Stuff worth 13 l. 6 s.

Which they Appraiſed but at	11 l. 15 s. 4 d.
Returned	03 l. 18 s. 2 d.
Demanded	05 l. 17 s. ——
Charges for Diſtreſs	—— 19 s. 6 d.
Taken more then the Demands, Diſtreſs and Returns come to	02 l. 11 s. 4 d.

The

The 1st of the 3d Moneth 78. Taken from *Thomas Mardin* Tinn-man of the Parish of *Michael Crooked-Lane* by *John Burten* Collector, and *William Stone* Constable, One Barrel of Plates, which cost of the Merchant 4 l. 10 s. for the Demand of 1 l. 13 s. 9 d. for two Years and a quarters Tythes, for *Richard Person* Prieft of the aforesaid Parish.

Taken more then Demanded 2 l. 16 s. 3 d.

The 23d of the 3d Moneth 78. Taken from *Matthew Roper* of *Talbut-Court*, by virtue of ditto Warrant granted to the aforesaid *Henry Halfteed*, by the aforesaid Clerk and Constabl e *John Jeffe* and *Will. Stoner*,

One Beam 0 l. 14 s. 06 d.
Eight Thousand and a half of 10 d Brads 1 l. 14 s. 10 d.
One half Barrel 0 l. 01 s. 04 d.

2 l. 10 s. 08 d.

Taken also from *John Hubbock* of the same place, by the same Warrant and Persons, and for the same Priest

Sixty one Yards of Tick at 1 s. 8 d. per Yard 5 l. 1 s. 8 d.
One Flanders Bed-Tick 1 l. 6 s. —
One Quilt 1 l. 7 s. —
One Cradle-Quilt — 6 s. —

Together 10 l. 11 s. 4 d.

Tythes Demanded of both 2 *l.* 16 *s.* 03 *d.*
Charges reckoned for Distress 1 *l.* 19 *s.* —
Money Returned to John Hubbock 2 *l.* 12 *s.* 11 *d.*

Taken more than Demanded or Returned 3 l. 3 s. 2 d.

The

The 5th of the 4th Moneth 78. Taken from *James Smith* of *Rude-Lane*, Taylor, in *Dionis Back-church* Pariſh, by virtue of a Warrant from the aforeſaid Mayor, for *George May* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, by *John Jeſſe* Collector, and *William Stonire* Conſtable, for 1 l. 5 s. Tythes Demanded, *viz.*

Two *Braſs-Candle-ſticks* valued at		0 l. 08 s.	0 d.
One *Braſs Save-all*			8 d.
One *Silver-Taſter*		02 s.	6 d.
Six *Holland Shirts*	1 l.	04 s.	
Three *courſe holland Shirts*		10 s.	
Six *Napkins*		04 s.	
One *Table-Cloth*		02 s.	
One *Sheet*		03 s.	
One *Pair of Old Drawers*		01 s.	6d.
One *new Fuſtian Waſtcoat*		04 s.	
One *Braſs Chafing-diſh*		02 s.	6 d.
One *Cullico Coverlid*		02 s.	
In all		3 l. 4 s.	2 d.

Which Goods were prayſed at but 2 l. 7 s. 1 d.

The 5th of the 4th Moneth 78. Taken from *Thomas Robinſon* of *Fenchurch-Street*, by virtue of a Warrant from the ſaid Mayor, by the aforeſaid Perſons for the Prieſt of *Back-Church*, aforeſaid, for 5 s. 4 d. Demanded for Tythes, Goods to the value of 2 l. 14 s.

Returned 11 s. ——

Demanded 05 s. 04 d.

Taken more then Demanded and Returned 1 l. 17 s. 8 d.

Note, *That the aboveſaid Prieſt and them that did his Work returned a Bill of Charges, in which they ſignified, there was* 1 s. 2 d. *to be returned, which being laid before* Francis Chapline *then Mayor, he*

he openly rebuked the ſaid George May *Prieſt, and would have had the man that ſo Unreaſonably Took & Detained the aforeſaid* Thomas Robinſon's *Goods bound over to the* Seſſions, *but the ſaid* Tho. Robinſon *anſwered,* I commit my Cauſe unto the Lord, who ſaid, *Vengeance is mine, and I will Re-pay it. So after this they returned* 11 *s. which is* 1 *l.* 17 *s.* 8 *d. more than their Demands.*

Although the Mayor had charged them beforehand, *Not to take too much,* yet they regarded it not.

The 1ſt of the 5th Moneth 78. Taken from *Richard Butcher* of *Anne Alderſgate* Pariſh, for 15 s. for a Year's Tythes, by *Henry Wyat* Collector, and *Thomas Warren* Conſtable, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman,* Prieſt of the Pariſh aforeſaid, theſe Goods following:

One pair of	*Cheney Bodice in Silk*	12 s.
	Red-Cheney in Thred	08 s.
	Mantain Thred	12 s.
	Parragan in Thred	08 s.
	Skie-Cheney in Silk	12 s.
	Green Parragan in Thred	08 s.

3 l. —— ——

Demanded —— 15 s. ——

Charges —— 06 s. 6 d.

Taken more then the Charges and Demands 1 l. 18 s. 6 d.

And yet made no Returns.

Note, *Theſe Goods were praiſed by* Norris Finch *of the ſame Pariſh at* 1 l. 6 d. *and bought by* Henry Wyat *the Prieſt's Collector of the ſaid Pariſh alſo.*

The 1ſt of the 5th moneth 78. Taken from *Thomas Cobb* of *Anne & Agnes* Pariſh by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuell*

Freeman Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, ſeven Cheeſes, weight three quarters and ten pound, at 3 d. per pound is 1 l. 3 s. 6 d. for 8 s. demanded. Taken by *Thomas Warren* Conſtable, and *Henry Wyat* Collector.

The 2d of the 5th Moneth 78. Taken from *John Tyſo* by the ſame Warrant and ſame Perſons, and for the ſame Prieſt, for 17 s. demanded Eleaven pair of New Shoes, valued at 1 l. 18 s. 6 d.

Taken more then demanded 1 l. 1 s. 6 d.

And made no Returns.

The 23d of the 6th Moneth, 78. Taken from *Samuel Streater* for 19 s. 6 d. demanded for three Quarters Tythes, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Edward Fowler* Prieſt of *Alhallows Bread ſtreet*, 2 pieces of Sacking, valued at 1 l. 10 s. being 10 s. 6 d. more then demanded.

About the 7th of the 7th Moneth, 78. Taken by *Middleton Smith* Conſtable, and *Francis Finch* Clerk from *John Newton* of the Pariſh of *Martins Orgars*, by virtue of a Warrant granted by *Francis Chapline* Mayor, to *John Sherid* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh, for 16 s. 10 d. demanded, Goods to the value of 1 l. 14 s. being 17 s. 2 d. more then demanded.

Demanded 8 s.
Returned 7 s.
Taken more then Demanded and Returned 8 s. 6 d.

The 16th of the 7th Moneth, 78. Taken from *Francis Moor* of *Love-Lane* in the Pariſh of *Mary Hill*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Thomas White* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, by *Joſeph Taylor* Ale-houſe-keeper in *Buttolphs Lane*, and the Prieſts Tythe-gatherer, and *John Harwood* Conſtable of *Michael's* Pariſh, one Silver Caudle-Cup, weighing 8 oz. 3 d wt. and ſold for 2 l. 1 s. 6 d. out of which they took 1 l. for the Prieſt, and 11 s. 4 d. for Charges, and returned 10 s. 2 d.

The 9th of the 8th Moneth, 78. Taken from *Jaſper Robins* of *Dunſtans* in the *Eaſt* Pariſh, Cheeſe monger, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Geo. Gifford* Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, from

Francis

Francis Chapline Mayor, by *Robert Plum* Conſtable, and *George Kent* Pariſh-Clerk, three Hundred and ſeven pound of Cheeſe really worth 3 l. 13 s. 6 d. for 1 l. 16 s. 8 d. demanded

Returned by the Clerk 10 s.
Taken more than Demanded 1 l. 6 s. 10 d.

The 9th of the 8th Moneth 78. Taken from *Job Boulton* of *Lumbard-ſtreet* Goldſmith, by *Richard Ellere* Coach man and Tythe-Gatherer to Dr. *Bradford* (ſo called) Prieſt of the ſaid Pariſh, two Twenty Shilling Pieces at 2 l. 7 s. for 1 l. 10 s. demanded for one Years Tythes.

Returned 13 s. 4 d.

An Account of Goods taken in the Year 1678, and 1679. by virtue of Warrants granted from *James Edwards* Mayor.

THe 8th of the 1ſt moneth 1679. taken from *William Chandler* by virtue of a Warrant granted to *David Barton* Prieſt of the Pariſh of *Margaret New-Fiſh-ſtreet* fifty five couple of —— Fiſh, to the value of 4 l. 5 s. or more, for 2 l. 17 s. 8 d. demanded, and Charges 1 l. — 6 d.

3 l. 18 s. 2 d.

Appraiſed by them but at 3 l. 15. s. 0 d.

Taken by *John Jeſſe* Conſtable.

The 10th of the 1ſt moneth 79. Taken from *William Gibſon* of *Edmunds Lumbard-ſtreet* by virtue of a Warrant granted to

Doctor *Bradford* (so called) Priest of the said Parish, for the demand of 12 s. for one years Tythes, two ends of *Fustian* cost 16 s. per End; taken by *Robert Carpenter* Constable, and *Richard Ellere* the Priests Coachman.

Sent back one End of Fustian and 4 d.

The 12th of the 1st moneth, 79. Taken from *Thomas Paxton*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *David Barton* Priest of *Margret New Fishstreet*, forty Couple of made North-Sea-Codd, worth 5 l. 14 s.

Praised by them at but 2 s. 3 d. per Couple is 4 l. 10 s.

For four years Tythes reckoned to 4 l. 8 d.

Charges reckoned 1 l. 6 d.

5 l. 1 s. 2 d.

Due to the Priest according to his own Account } 11 s. 2 d.

Taken by *John Jesse* Constable.

The 28th of the 1st moneth, 79. Taken from *Josiah Bacon*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Richard Owen* Priest of the two united Parishes of *Swithin* and *Mary Bothaw*, one Tankard of Silver, appraised at 4 s. 8 d. per ounce, weight twenty five ounces, came to 5 l. 16 s. 8 d.

Due for three years Tythes, as he accounts, } 3 l. 06 s.

For Distraint and Charges 15 s.

Returned 1 l. 15 s. 8 d.

5 l. 16 s. 8 d.

Taken from *George Bradford* Glasier of the Parish abovementioned, by the Priest aforesaid (he being a poor man, and his

his Wife near her Time) Child-bed and other ſmall Linnen appraiſed to 3 l. — —

For two years three quarters Tythes, valued at 11 l. 2 s. —

Charges — 15 s. —

Returned Goods to the value of 1 l. 2 s. 6 d.

2 l. 19 s. 6 d.

The 20th of the 3d Moneth, 1679. Taken from *Daniel Quare* of *Martins le Grand*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman*, Prieſt of *Ann* & *Agnes* Pariſh, two Clocks, valued at 5 l. appraiſed by *Norris Finch* at 3 l. 10 s. for three years and a halfe's Tythes demanded 2 l. 12 s. 6 d.

Returned — 10 s. —

3 l. 02 s. 6 d.

Taken by *Henry Wyat* Conſtable, and *Francis Brown* Officer to the Mayor.

The 20th of the 3d moneth, 1679. Taken from *David Lloyd* of the Pariſh of *Ann* and *Agnes*, by *Henry Wyat* Conſtable, and *Francis Brown* the Mayor's Officer, five Hats worth 3 l. 8 s. for the demand of 25 s. for Tythes for *Samuel Freeman* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh.

The 20th of the 3d moneth, Taken from *Thomas Weſt* of the Pariſh of *Anne* and *Agnes*, by *Henry Wyat* Conſtable, and *Francis Browne* Mayor's Officer, one Braſs Kettle, weight twenty ſeven pound, at 15 d per pound, came to 1 l. 13 s. 9 d. for the Demand of half a years Tythes, which was 10 s. for *Sam. Freeman* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh.

Taken from the two Perſons above-mentioned Goods to the value of 5 l. 1 s. 9 d.

Demanded 1 l. 15 s. —

Taken more than Demanded 3 l. 6 s. 9 d.

The 7th of the 5th moneth, Taken from *John Day* of the Pariſh of *Nicholas Coleabby*, by *Job Makepeace* Conſtable and *Nicholas*

Nicholas White Clerk, the Prieſt being there preſent;

Sixty ſix dry, large, clean, whole Deals at 15 d. per Deal, comes to } 4 l. 2 s. 6 d.
And four Slit Deals at 16 d. per Deal, is — 5 s. 4 d.

4 l. 7 s. 10 d.

For the Demand of 1 l. 10 s. for Tythes for one year and a half.

The 21th of the 5th moneth, 79. Taken from *Samuel Streater*, by virtue of a Warrant granted to *Edward Fowler*, Prieſt of *Allhallows Breadſtreet*, for one year and a quarter's Tythes,

Five pieces of Sacking to the value of 4 l. 6 s. —
Returned back two pieces of Sacking at } 1 l. 14 s. } 2 l. — 6 d.
Returned back in Money 6 s. 6 d. }

Taken more than Demonded 2 l. 5 s. 6 d.

The 18th of the 6th moneth, 1679. Taken from *Thomas Hooton* of the Pariſh of *Ann Blackfriers*, by *Stephen Porter* Conſtable and *Philip Clements* Collector, ſix Cheſhire Cheeſes, worth 1 l. 6 s. for the Demand of 20 s. Tythes, for *John Stoncing* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh; no Return.

Taken from *Simon Marſhal* of the Pariſh of *Ann Blackfriers*, by *Stephen Porter* Conſtable and *Philip Clements* Collector, ſix pair of Men's Shoes and one pair of Boots, worth 1 l. 10 s. for the Demand of 13 s. 4 d. Tythes, for *John Stoning* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh.

One pair of Shoes Returned.

The 8th of the 6th moneth, 1679. Taken from *William Walker* of the Pariſh of *Ann Blackfriers*, by *Stephen Porter* Conſtable and *Philip Clements* Collector, ſeventeen yards three quarters of Sheleon, worth 1 l. 12 s. 6 d. for the Demand

of

of 1 l. 2 s. Tythes, for *John Stoning* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh.

Returned Nothing.

Taken from *Henry Dogget* of the Pariſh of *Ann Blackfriers*, by *Stephen Porter* Conſtable and *Philip Clements* Collector, one piece of Long Cloth at ſixteen yards three quarters, at 11 d. per yard, cometh to 15 s. 4 d. 1 q.

One piece ditto at ſixteen yards, three quarter, and two Nails, at 11 d. per yard, is 15 s. 5 d. 1 q.

In all 1 l. 10 s. 9 d. 2 q.

For the Demand of 20 s. Tythes, for *John Stoneing* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh.

They Returned back again — 1 s. — —

Taken 1 l. 9 s. 9 d. 2 q.

Taken from *William Tileby* of the Pariſh of *Ann Blackfriers*, by *Stephen Porter* Conſtable and *Philip Clements* Collector, in Pewter ſeventeen pound weight, appraiſed at 11 s. 4 d. for 13 s. 4 d. demanded for Tythes for *John Stoneing* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh.

The 6th of the 7th moneth, Taken from *John Beckly* of the Pariſh of *Ann* and *Agnes*, by *Henry Wyat* Conſtable and *Francis Browne* one of the Mayor's Officers, in Pewter ſixteen pound weight, at 7 d. per pound comes to — 9 s. 4 d.

One Alarum Watch, which coſt 1 l. 10 s. —

1 l. 19 s. 4 d.

For the Demand of 20 s. Tythes, for *Samuel Freeman* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh.

The 15th of the 8th moneth, 1679. Taken from *Elizabeth Kembell*

Kembell Widow of the Pariſh of *Laurence Pountney*, by *John Harwood* Conſtable and *William Shaw* one of the Mayor's Officers, *Henry Savidge* Clerk and *Stephen Chilver* Porter, one Silver Tankard weight twenty ounces, as the Goldſmith ſaid that bought it, which coſt 5 s. 8 d. per ounce, comes to 5 l. 13 s. 4 d. for 40 s. Tythes Demanded for *Robert Elbourough* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh.

And Returned in Money 1 l. 18 s. 3 d.

Taken 3 l. 15 s. 1 d.

No Warrant ſhewed, though demanded; nor no Account given by the Prieſt, though Demanded.

Taken from *William Ellis* of the Pariſh of *Laurence Pountney*, by *John Harwood* Conſtable, *William Shaw* one of the Mayor's Officers, *Henry Savidge* Clerk and *Stephen Chilver* Porter;

Nine Gallons one half of *Engliſh* Brandy, at 2 s. 6 d. per Gallon — 1 l. 3 s. 9 d.

Two Runlets and a Glaſs Bottle, worth — 3 s. 3 d.

Two Pewter Diſhes newly bought, at 8 d. per pound, coſt — 6. 8 d.

One Diſh more, the weight not known, valued at — 2 s. —

In all 1 l. 15 s. 8 d.

For 13 s. 4 d. demanded for *Robert Elbourough* Prieſt of the aforeſaid Pariſh.

Returned again the two Empty Runlets, the Glaſs Bottle with ſome Brandy in it, all valued at — 6 s. 6 d.

So there was taken 1 l. 9 s. 2 d.

No Warrant ſhewed, though deſired; nor no Account given, how they diſpoſed of the Goods, though demanded.

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The 15th of the 8th moneth, 1679. Taken from *Thomas Lacy* of the Parish of *Laurence Pountney*, by *John Harwood* Constable, *William Shaw* one of the Mayor's Officers, *Henry Savige* Clerk, *Stephen Chilver* Porter, for 30 s. demanded for five years Tythes for *Robert Elborough*, Priest of the aforesaid Parish;

One Silver Tankard, weighing seventeen ounces two-penny weight, cost 5 s. 8 d. per ounce; and a Silver Cup,	4 l. 16 s. 10 d. 3 q.
Returned back again the Cup and in Money	1 l. 14 s. 6 d.
So the Priest took	3 l. 2 s. 4 d. 3 q

For the Demand above-mentioned, and for his Charges, and would give no Account, though demanded, nor shew no Warrant.

Note, *This Priest* Elborough *took from the three Persons above-mentioned Goods to the value of*	8 l. 6 s. 7 d.
For the Demand of	3 l. 3 s. 4 d.
Taken more then demanded	4 l. 3 s. 3 d.

Taken from *John Aries* (by Virtue of a Warrant granted to *Samuel Freeman*, Priest of the Parish called *Ann* and *Agnes*, *London*) for 52 s. 6 d. demanded for Tythes (or towards the Priests Maintenance) by *Francis Brown* one of the Mayor's Officers and *Henry Wyet* Constable of the Liberty of *Martins le-Grand*, the 21th of the 3d Moneth, 79. *viz.*

	l.	s.	d.
One Dozen and nine pair of Nippers valued at	—	14	—
Four Dozen of Cutting Knives, valued at	01	03	06
Twenty Six Sizes	02	12	—
Six pair of small Shears	—	04	—
Fourteen pair of Pincers	—	12	02
Twenty Hammers	01	12	—
Four Dozen and One Punches	—	15	—
Taken in all	07	12	08
Returned in the Punches	—	15	—
Demanded	02	12	06
Taken more than Demanded	04	05	02

Which Goods were appraiſed by *Norris Fireh* Joyner, living in Deans Court, in the Liberty and Pariſh aforeſaid; who told me, That *S. Freeman* the Prieſt ſaid, *He muſt praiſe them at but half the worth, for he muſt ſell them for ready Money:* this he told me before *Samuel Baker* Grinder in *Ann's Lane*, to whom the Prieſt ſold the Goods following for 50s.

Their Bill, May 30. 79. viz.

		l.	s.	d.
The twenty ſix Sizes	were appraiſed at	01	—	—
The ſix pair of ſmall Shears		—	03	—
The Cutting Knives		—	10	—
The 21 pair of Nippers		—	03	06
The 14 pair of Pinchers		—	14	—
The twenty Hammers		—	10	—
	In all	03	—	06

Which Goods the Prieſt notwithſtanding ſold for 02 10 —

Taken from *Philip Ford* in *Bow-Lane*, *London* the 24th of the 5th Moneth, 1679. by *Richard Smith*, Collector of Tythes for *George Smallwood* Prieſt of *Mary le Bow*, in company with *John Pencent* Informer living in *More-Lane*, and *William Wilſon* in *Hand-Ally* in *Cheapſide* Taylor, Pariſh Clerk to *Mildridge* in the *Poultery* or *Hireling* Conſtable, by Warrant granted by *James Edwards* preſent Lord Mayor;

		l.	s.	d.
Seven Pewter Diſhes, One Pye Plate, One *ditto* with three Feet, Two Soſers, Three Porringers,	ſeventy pound weight, coſt	3	4	—
Two dozen of Plates, coſt		1	10	—
Two Braſs Candleſticks, coſt		—	7	—
One Braſs Morter and Peſtil, coſt		—	4	6
One Copper Chafing-diſh, coſt		—	8	—
		5	13	6
		2	3	1
Loſt in the whole		3	10	5

Richard

Richard Smith, *the Collector of* Tythes, *his Account given in as follows.*

	l.	s.	d.
Received in Pewter, weighing 2 q. 22 l. 8 oz. at 6 d. per pound, is	1	19	3
Received in Brass, weighing 4 l. 2 oz. at 6 d per pound, is	—	2	1
Received in Copper, weighing 2 l. 3 oz at 10 d. per pound, is	—	1	9
	2	3	1

Appraised by *David Burden* and *William Croppe* Pewterers the 15th of *August*, 1679.

Paid for Summons and Warrant	—	4	—
Paid Mr. Smallwood *his Tythe, due at* Lady-Day, 79.	1	10	11
Paid the Porters, expended upon them	—	2	—
Paid my self for making Distress	—	2	6
Paid the Appraisers, and expended on them	—	3	—
Rests due to Mr. Philip Ford *Eight Pence, which is here Returned with the Account*	—	—	8
	2	3	1

As Computed there is,	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*ob.*
Taken	427	07	06	
Demanded	116	09	06	1
Returned by Goods, and Mone left at their Houses	181	09	01	1
Demanded and Returned	297	13	08	
Remains Unreturned, and for Charges	129	08	10	

POSTSCRIPT.

A brief State of the Case of the People called Quakers *in* LONDON, *in Relation to their Sufferings under the* Parish Priests.

IT is not unknown, that from the time of this Peoples first Appearance within this City and Nation, their Seperation was from, and Testimony against them that preached for Hire, divined for Money, and sought their Gain from their Quarter; & such as *strove for the Fleece, & regarded not the Flock*: against these was the Cry of old by the Prophets of the Lord.

This may shew, that the Controversie betwixt the *Parish Priests*, and such who inhabit in their Quarter, is no new thing, but the same which was in Times and Generations by past.

Its likewise known, our *Controversie* in this Case was heretofore against the *Presbyter* and *Independent-Priests*, as now against the *Episcopal*. And every of these in their Day having the Colour of Law or Legal Authority, have often extended it to great Extremity of Cruelty; and did not the Civil Magistrate interpose by his Moderation and Authority, many of us had suffered by them in probability yet more Extreamly, as to our Temporals; *for their Tender Mercies are Cruelty*.

Observe, By an *Act* of the 22d and 23d of this King, made in behalf of the *Parish Priests* in *London*, a *License* or *Liberty* is only given (but no *Imposition* laid on the *Majors* of *London*, or any others) *To make out Warrants of Distress by any Penalty in the said Act*; yet the several Majors have been ready upon Application made to them, to grant out Warrants of Distress (although to some of them this work hath not seemed so pleasing)

But the Pen-men of that Law ſuppoſing there might be a Denyal in the *Majors* of *London* to do that, would appoint other Perſons to execute ſuch Service on the *Majors* Refuſal to act in that matter, as by the ſame Statute may appear.

And the cuſtomary manner of the *Pariſh Prieſts* is, That when they have a Warrant to make Diſtreſs, they or their Agents take and carry away out of our Houſes, Goods and Wares two, three, four, five, ſix, or ſometimes ten times the value of the Moneys in Demand; and this without making any Appraiſment before they carry them thence, contrary to the Uſe and Cuſtom of all Legal Executions and Diſtreſſes whatſoever. And the Conſtable who is Aſſiſtant, not one in the *Pariſh*, *Precinct* or *Ward*, but commonly ſome unknown forreign Deputy-Conſtable. The Goods are generally carried into ſome Ale-houſe, or ſuch like place, and there have been appraiſed at half or third part the value. Sometimes they return their Over-plus, but with Deduction of Charges equal to a Tryal in *Guildhall*; and very often neither make Reſtoration of Over-plus, nor give Accompt to the Party how they have appraiſed or diſpoſed of his Goods.

Upon a Diſtreſs made, a Prieſt for 6 9 s. in demand took and carried away a Hundred and Fifty Pounds worth of Goods to his own Houſe without Appraiſment; of which a late L. Major having account, immediately commanded an Officer to cauſe the Goods diſtrained to be brought to him, which was done accordingly, and an Appraiſment of part of the Goods was there made, and the Over-plus Goods returned to the diſtreſſed Party.

And know for a certain Truth, That it is to keep our Conſciences void of Offence towards God, that we cannot pay this *forced Maintenance*, therefore can with all Freedom ſuffer the *Spoiling of our Goods*, and that with Joy in our Souls to Godwards: Yet are willing to lay the Unequal Dealing of our Adverſaries before the Magiſtrate, who ſhould not hold the Sword in vain.

And inaſmuch as the Chief Magiſtrate of this City will of choice be aiding and aſſiſting to the *Pariſh Prieſts*. As matter of Equity and Equal Juſtice, we propoſe, that when Warrants of

Diſtreſs

Distress are granted, that therein a Clause may be inserted, or Caution and Direction given:

1. *That the Priest or his Collector have with him when he makes Distress, one of the Parish, Precinct, or at least Ward Constables where the Distressed Party inhabits.*

2. *That the Goods distrained be not taken out of the House or Shop before Appraisment made, as is usual in all other Cases.*

3. *That the Appraisment be made under the Hands of two substantial Parishioners within the said Parish where the Distress is made.*

4. *That Accompt of the Goods, Charges, Expences, to whom and for what paid, be rendred to the Party Distrained within ten dayes after Distress.*

So that as the Law has made a plenary Provision for their pretended Rights, the Magistrate may have an equal Regard, *That no one be oppressed under Colour of Law beyond the Intent of the Law.* Yet notwithstanding, in case the Spoilers are suffer'd to spoil without Limitation or Controle, we are (and do hope shall be) content, and trust that in the Power and Strength of the Most High, we shall be enabled patiently to suffer whatever may or can be our Portion as to this matter, leaving it at their Doors who have power to relieve us in this Case, and yet do not; and commit our Cause to him that will judge Righteously, without Respect of Persons.

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London, the 5th Moneth, 1680.

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An *Advertiſement* upon ſueh places that are not ſo fully expreſſed as they ſhould be.

PAge 17. for *William Wigan of the ſame Pariſh*, read *of the Pariſh of* Anne Alders-Gate. And in the end of the ſame page for *three Years Tythes*, read *three years and a half*. Pag. 20. for *Stoneing* read *John Stoneing*: And in the ſame page for *John Lance*, read *John Lane*. P. 21. where its ſaid *Aucker*, read *John Aucher*. P. 26. where its ſaid *Ditto diem*, it ſhould be *the tenth of the 7th mor.* 77. & *the price* 3 *d.* 1 *ob.* P. 27. where its ſaid *returned & taken*, it ſhould be *retur ed and demanded*: And in the ſame pag. for *John* read *Franci aford*. P. 28. for *John* read *Francis Craford*, & P. 28. f s. 10 *d. demanded*, read 15 *s. demanded*. P. 34. to the Diſtreſs made upon *Thomas Cobb*, there wants the Returns, which was 28. pound of Cheeſe, valued at 7 s. P. 36. where its ſaid *ſent back one End of Fuſtian and* 4 *d.* it ſhould be ſaid, *that they left them in the ſaid Perſons Ware-houſe unknown to him until afterwards*. P. 38. in *Samuel Streator's* Account for a year and a quarter Tythes, there wants *the Sum* 1 *l.* 12 *s.* 6 *d.*

THE END.